

# Alaska Local and Regional Information

## Workforce Info

### Valdez-Cordova Census Area



The Valdez-Cordova Census Area in south central Alaska is bounded to the south by Prince William Sound. Most of the area's population lives in Valdez or Cordova. Valdez is the southern terminus of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline and the port through which North Slope oil is shipped to market.

- ◆ The estimated population for 2008 was 9,513, a loss of about 682 since the 2000 Census.
- ◆ About 62 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ◆ Trade, Transportation and Utilities was the main industry in 2008, employing 22 percent of the area's workers.
- ◆ More workers were employed as Construction Laborers than any other occupation.

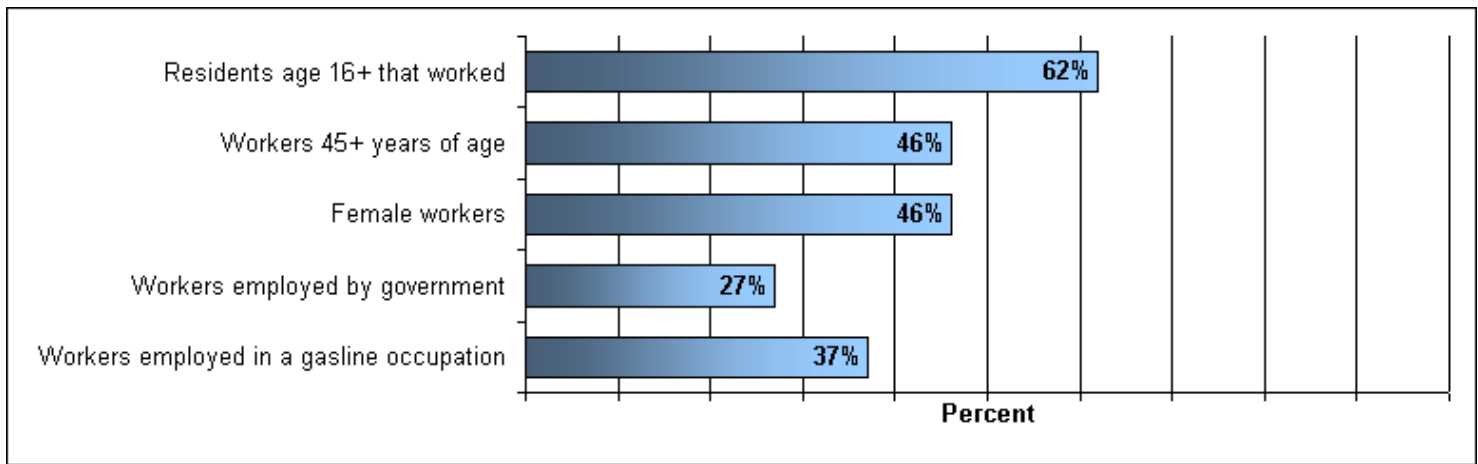
Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

#### Valdez-Cordova Census Area Resident Snapshot (2008)

Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	7,379	Total wages	\$173,449,657
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	4,595	Private	3,359
Male	2,461	State government	310
Female	2,130	Local government	926
Age 45+	2,103	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	1,446	Peak (2nd) quarter workers	4,092
		Percent working all 4 quarters	63.5%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	800	Some construction	968
		At least 1 year construction	483
New Hires		At least 2 years construction	273
New hires	1,690	Worked in an <b>AGIA</b> occupation	3,550

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## 2008 Residents

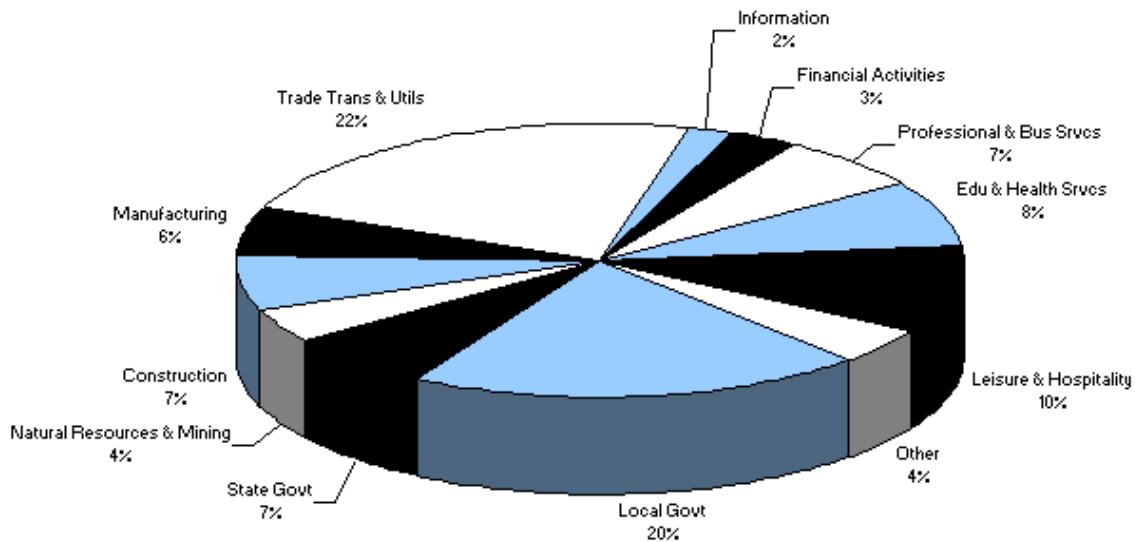


## Top Occupations

	Those Who <b>Live</b> in the Borough/Census Area (2008)			Those Who <b>Work</b> in the Borough/Census Area (2007)	
	Number employed	Percent female	Age 50+	% Non-local	% Non-Alaska Residents
Construction Laborers <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	174	13.2%	34	28.9%	13.9%
Office Clerks, General <b>AGIA</b>	147	83.0%	42	18.7%	7.8%
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Workers, All Other	135	9.6%	64	13.8%	6.6%
Meat, Poultry, and Fish Cutters and Trimmers	119	41.2%	56	3.4%	82.4%
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	116	4.3%	45	25.6%	3.8%
Cashiers	111	65.8%	29	5.4%	16.8%
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other <b>AGIA</b>	110	80.0%	24	15.6%	7.8%
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General <b>AGIA</b>	106	5.7%	40	12.2%	23.6%
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners <b>AGIA</b>	90	56.2%	25	4.5%	17.9%
Home Health Aides	83	60.2%	18	12.5%	9.2%
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners <b>AGIA</b>	80	77.5%	15	7.3%	43.1%
Retail Salespersons	80	72.5%	22	6.1%	24.3%
General and Operations Managers	78	25.6%	32	5.6%	7.8%
Teacher Assistants	73	89.0%	31	3.3%	8.2%
Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	68	2.9%	23	10.0%	4.3%
Business Operations Specialists, All Other	65	44.6%	35	25.4%	9.0%
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	64	92.2%	15	9.6%	4.1%
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand <b>AGIA</b>	64	20.6%	15	33.0%	19.3%
Environmental Engineering Technicians <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	63	7.9%	21	18.9%	2.2%
Teachers and Instructors, All Other	61	80.3%	31	11.5%	7.7%

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## Resident Workers by Industry



### Workers by Industry

	Those Who <b>Live</b> in the Borough/Census Area (2008)			Those Who <b>Work</b> in the Borough/Census Area (2007)	
	Number employed	Percent female	Age 50+	% Non-local	% Non-Alaska Residents
Natural Resources and Mining	188	16.0%	43	21.9%	43.7%
Construction	299	11.4%	87	31.6%	19.5%
Manufacturing	269	30.9%	101	6.2%	73.9%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	1,020	36.7%	337	15.1%	19.3%
Information	95	49.5%	28	10.1%	5.5%
Financial Activities	140	58.6%	24	18.9%	13.5%
Professional and Business Services	301	35.9%	107	17.7%	14.4%
Educational and Health Services	357	78.7%	108	7.9%	14.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	474	56.4%	79	14.7%	36.5%
State Government	310	40.0%	127	19.6%	8.6%
Local Government	926	60.5%	341	8.3%	8.7%
Other	205	66.8%	64	12.6%	7.7%

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### Recent Unemployment Statistics

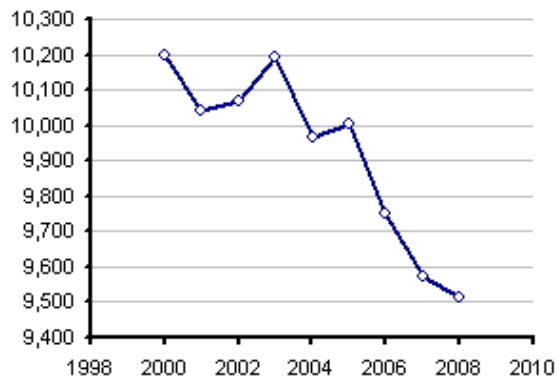
	03/2009	04/2009	05/2009	06/2009
UI Claimants**	421	384	293	226
Unemployment Rate (Not seasonally adjusted)	13.0%	10.8%	8.5%	7.6%

\*\*UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

## Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

Alyeska Pipeline Svc Co Inc
State of AK (excludes U of A)
Valdez City Schools
Valdez City of
Copper River School District
Trident Seafoods Corporation
Copper River Native Assoc Inc
Cordova School District
Cordova City of
Providence Hospital Payroll

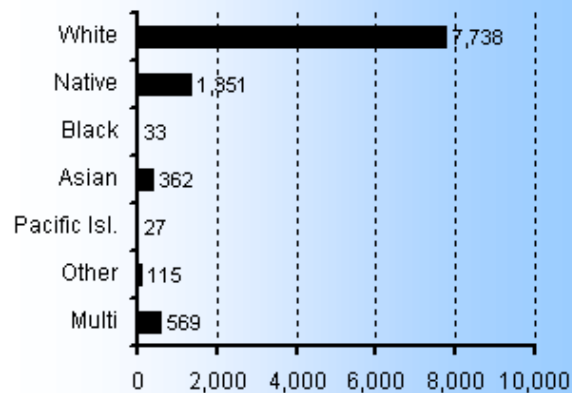
**Population over Time**



**2000 Census**

Median Age	36.1
Average Family Size	3.2
Average Household Size	2.6
Per Capita Income	\$23,046
Median Family Income	\$60,497
Median Household Income	\$48,734

**Population by Race**



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

## 2008 Rental Costs and Vacancy Rates

	<b>Contract Average</b>	<b>Adjusted Average</b>	<b>Contract Median</b>	<b>Adjusted Median</b>	<b>Vacancy Rate</b>
All Units	\$1,007	\$1,112	\$950	\$1,000	7.6%

### Single Family Units

Average All SF Homes	\$1,307	\$1,545			
1 Bedroom	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2 Bedrooms	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
3 Bedrooms	\$1,621	\$1,896	\$1,475	\$1,832	18.8%
4 Bedrooms	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

### Apartments

Average All Apartments	\$935	\$985			
0 Bedrooms	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1 Bedroom	\$832	\$852	\$725	\$725	8.6%
2 Bedrooms	\$946	\$986	\$850	\$956	2.9%
3 Bedrooms	\$1,052	\$1,151	\$962	\$1,077	4.5%

## 2008 Type of Energy Used for Rentals

	<b>Heating</b>	<b>Hot Water</b>	<b>Cooking</b>
Natural Gas	n/a	n/a	n/a
Oil	91.6%	87.8%	0.8%
Electric	2.3%	4.6%	90.8%
Other	6.1%	7.6%	8.4%

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section  
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